



First *Love*

THEN

- For For this reason I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which exists among you, and your **love** for all the saints (1:15)
- ... and that you, being rooted and grounded in **love**, ... (3:17b)
- ... and to know the **love** of Christ which surpasses knowledge ... (3:19)
- Peace be to the brethren, and **love** with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (6:23)



NOW

- But I have this against you, that you have left your first love. (Rev 2:4)



Eternal Truths About the Church

- Chosen (1:3-4)
- Redeemed (1:7)
- Sealed (1:13)



The Fruits of the Church

- Faith is Christ (1:15)
- Love for the saints (1:15)
- Spirit to enlighten (1:17)
- Hope (1:18)



The Fruits of the Church

- Riches (1:18, 3:16)
- His power (1:19)
- Rooted in Love (3:17)
- In Love with Jesus (6:24)



30 Years Later

- Toiling (2:2)
- Perseverance(2:2a, 3)
- Opposing evil (2:3)
- Discerned false prophets (2:2b)
- Endured (2:3b)



30 Years later

Sounds like a great church, but wait . . . there's more.



Judgment at Their Door

- Left their first Love
- No longer in love with Jesus
- No longer serving out of Love for Jesus
- Preach, serve, persevere, discern



Judgment at Their Door

- All without love
- Looks alive but a deadly spiritual cancer in the heart of the church



Invitation

- Remember
- Repent
- Return

